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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE OF FOREIGN ART

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98, Applicant provides the following information regarding French reference FR2580504A1 to Pieronne which was cited in Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 20, 2008.

The reference, FR2580504 to Pieronne, was cited for the purpose of identifying the state of the art relating to filtering devices. The following paragraph is an Abstract obtained from the European Patent Office data base describing the disclosure of the Pieronne reference:

The invention relates to a filter for partial and at least temporary interruption of a vein, and in particular of a lower vena cava of a human being. The filter comprises a plurality of branches 2 connected together at one of their ends, and which are contiguous at rest. It is characterised in that it comprises means such as a balloon 8

for spreading out the branches 2 of the filter 1 reversibly in the manner of the branches of an umbrella. The filter is mounted at the distal end 13 of a catheter whose proximal end is outside the body of the patient, the catheter allowing the inflation of the balloon, and possibly the infusion of therapeutic substances, to be controlled from a distance. Application to the medical equipment industry.

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